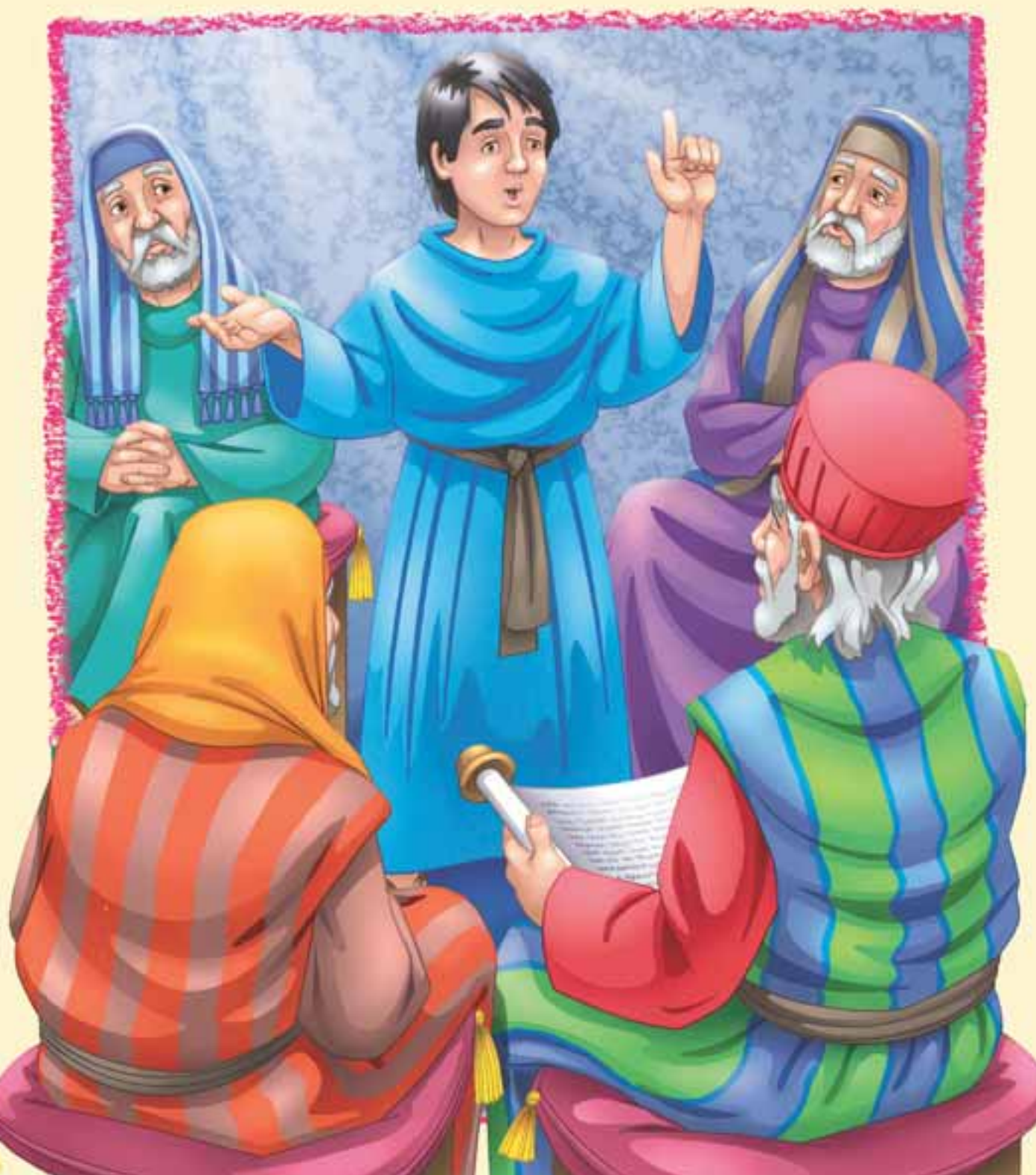




LESSON 3

REFERENCES: LUKE 2:41-50; *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, PP. 75-83.

Lost and Found

*What do you like to do most in Sabbath School
and church? Sing songs? Give an offering?
Listen to stories about Jesus?*

Jesus went to a little church in His neighborhood every Sabbath. But once a year His family went to a big building called the Temple. There many people

would
celebrate

Passover, which was to help them remember when Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt.

One year at the big Temple the teachers talked with Jesus. He asked the teachers a lot of questions. They liked Jesus' questions.

Soon the teachers began to ask Jesus questions! They were surprised that He knew so much. The teachers thought that only boys who went to a special school knew so much about God.

When the special day was over, Jesus' parents left for home.



Memory Verse

“And Jesus grew
in wisdom and
stature.”

LUKE 2:52, NIV.

The Message

We learn so that we
can help others.

But Jesus wasn't with them. They thought He was walking with friends. After they had traveled for a whole day, they looked for Him, but didn't find Him.

"We have to go back to the city!" Mary cried to Joseph. "We have to find Jesus." They had already traveled a long way, and it took them a long time to get back to Jerusalem.

In the city Mary and Joseph looked for Jesus everywhere. They asked people, "Have you seen our son, Jesus?" But no one had seen Him.

Finally Mary and Joseph decided to look for Jesus at the big Temple. They found Him there, talking to the Temple teachers. Mary was relieved, but she was also puzzled.

As they left the city and started home again, Mary and Joseph talked to Jesus about His time with the teachers in the Temple. Mary was glad to have Jesus with her again, but she wanted Him to know that they had been worried about Him.

"Jesus, why did You do this?" Mary asked. "We looked everywhere for You."

"Why, Mother?" Jesus asked. "Didn't you know that I would be where my Father's work is?"

Mary and Joseph didn't understand what He meant.

Do you understand?
What kind of work goes on in a church? Yes, people learn about God.

That's what Jesus was doing in the big Temple. Now He knew that God was His true Father. And He knew that He would help people when He grew up.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week read the lesson story together, and review the memory verse:

And JesusPoint upward.

grewHands at waist, palms open,
move upward to chin.

in wisdomPoint to head.

and stature.Raise hand above head.

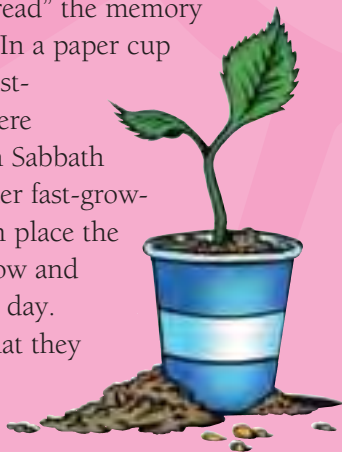
Luke 2:52Palms together, then open.

SUNDAY

As you read the Bible story together, have your child open the scroll they made in Sabbath School. Or make one now. Ask: What do you think Jesus learned in the Temple-church? Why didn't His parents know where He was? Thank Jesus that you know where your child is.

MONDAY

Help your child "read" the memory verse from the Bible. In a paper cup with dirt, plant the fast-growing seeds that were given to your child in Sabbath School. (Or plant other fast-growing seeds.) Help them place the cup in a sunny window and water the seeds every day. Remind your child that they are growing just as Jesus did.



TUESDAY

Let your child carefully hold the Bible while you "read" Luke 2:41-50 together. Help your child make a scroll and draw a picture about the story. Have them share their scroll with someone and tell them about Jesus.

WEDNESDAY

Help your child make a thank-you card to give to their Sabbath School teacher.

Sing Sabbath School songs; then thank Jesus for their Sabbath School teacher.



THURSDAY

Play hide-and-seek with your child, or hide an object and have your child find it. Talk about a time when you or your child were lost. Ask: How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they couldn't find Jesus?

FRIDAY

Help your child act out the Bible story by being "lost" somewhere in your house. When you find them, talk about getting ready to go to Sabbath School, and help them get things ready.

Sing "God's House" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 185); then have prayer.